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SUBJECT: CRYSTAL PULLERS

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C) COCOM DOC (77)409

1. REF CASES INVOLVE UK MSR-2 CRYSTAL GROWTH SYSTEMS TO VARIOUS END-USERS; AS US DEL AWARE, THESE EASES HAD BEEN TAKEN OFF THE AGENDA PENDING COMPLETION OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DESIGNED TO REACH AN AGREED TECHNICAL POSITION REGARDING THE ABILITY OF THE MSR-2 TO GROW STRATEGIC III-V COMPOUNDS. WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED AGREEMENT AND ARE AWAITING THE VISIT OF A BRITISH EXPERT TO DISCUSS THE US NEGATIVE TECHNICAL FINDINGS TRANSMITTED TO THE BRITISH (FURNESS-BYRNE LETTER OF APRIL 20).

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2. IT APPEARS THAT UK HAS PLACED CASES BACK ON THE AGENDA EITHER (A) TO GIVE US A CHANCE TO APPROVE THEM, PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VARIAN EXPERTS (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) AND USG TECHNICIANS; (B) TO FOCUS ISSUES RELATING TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MSR-2 AND THE VARIAN MODEL IN COCOM DOC. (78) 61. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING RATIONALE FOR UK ACTION

3. VARIAN'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ITS CASE

(78)61) RESULTED IN A MEETING WITH UK EXPERTS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 12 WHICH CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT NEITHER MSR2 OR THE VARIAN MODEL COULD FEASIBLY GROW III-V COMPOUNDS. VARIAN EXPERTS ARE MEETING THIS WEEK WITH USG TECHNICIANS TO DISCUSS THESE FINDINGS; HOWEVER, FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE BRITISH CASES WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AWAIT THE MEETING WITH UK TECHNICIANS SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

4. AT THE JUNE 20 COCOM MEETING, IN REGARD TO THE REF CASES, US DEL MAY WISH TO --ASK WHETHER THE UK WISHES THE USG TO PROCEED WITH TABLING A POSITION ON THE EFCASES DRAWING ON TECHNICAL ANALYSIS ALREADY PERFORMED.

--INDICATE THAT WE ARE AWAITING A RESPONSE TO THE USG ANALYSIS RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF THE MSR-2 SYSTEM TO GROW III-V COMPOUNDS TRANSMITTED TO THE UK ON APRIL 20. VANCE

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